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TAGS: SEDU,XT, BE
SUBJECT: SENATE PASSES GOVERNMENT BUDGET INCLUDING UNIVERSITY AUSTERITY PROGRAM WITHOUT AMENDMENT

REF: STATE 11220,STATE 11295,

1. ON JANUARY 3 BELGIAN SENATE ADOPTED 1976 BUDGET AND ACCOMPANYING PROGRAM LAW BY VOTE OF 99 TO 61 (GOVERNMENT PARTIES VERSUS OPPOSITION). ALL AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE INSPIRED BY ORGANIZED LABOR, WERE REJECTED.

2. LABOR MOVEMENT'S ONE HOUR GENERAL STRIKE DECEMBER 23 PROTESTING TWO ASPECTS OF PROGRAM LAW WAS FAIRLY EFFECTIVE, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC SECTOR. NEVERTHELESS GOVERNMENT MAINTAINED ITS POSITION ON SOCIAL ALLOCANCES AND SUBSIDY TO SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM.
IT DID MEET ONE OF UNIONS DEMANDS BY NOT INCREASING DEDUCTIBLE FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES. THIS ACTION WAS BY ROYAL DECREE AND DID NOT REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF PROGRAM LAW ITSELF. SO FAR THERE IS NO REACTION FROM TRADE UNIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE OF THIS CONTROVERSIAL BILL.

3. NEXT PARLIAMENTARY TEST FOR TINDEMANS GOVERNMENT WILL COME
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LATER THIS MONTH WHEN HOUSE DEBATES MODIFIED ECONOMIC

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